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POLAND: Jaruzelski Postpones Meeting With Glemp

Premier Jaruzelski has postponed a meeting with Archbishop Glemp amid signs of increasing unrest.

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the projected meeting has been delayed because the regime is "unable" to respond to the recent proposal by the Church for renewed dialogue. He added that some lower officials of the party had reacted with particular hostility to the Church's initiative.

[REDACTED] Glemp still hopes the proposal will persuade the regime to begin substantive discussions, and noted that the Church senses a growing impatience among the population with the regime's inflexibility. [REDACTED] is afraid, however, that Jaruzelski's concern for security would prevent a dialogue.

Comment: The prospects for a dialogue will not be helped by the brief work stoppage in Gdansk yesterday. The stoppage, which reportedly involved the two main shipyards and half of the city transit system, may have been staged to protest the coming trial of a popular local Solidarity leader and close deputy of Lech Walesa. There have been reports of similar short stoppages elsewhere and of indications that some young Poles are losing their fear of military rule.

These actions are likely to strengthen Jaruzelski's belief that the authorities cannot appear to be yielding to pressure from the Church or from the workers in the street. Any increased defiance will be met with force and the reimposition of tougher martial law restrictions.

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